

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 9 through 52 are pending in this application. Claims 40 through 52 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 through 8 have been cancelled without prejudice. The Office Action objects to claims 11, 12, 16, 18, 23, 25, 32, and 34-36 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but acknowledges that the subject matter is allowable.

The Office Action objects to the Abstract. The Abstract has been amended which obviates this objection. A clean copy of the Abstract is attached hereto.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-3, 5-7, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 28, 29, 31, 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Leupold. This rejection is moot as to claims 1-3 and 5-7, which have been cancelled. Claims 14, 22, and 31 have been amended to include the subject matter of previously objected to but allowable claims 16, 23 and 32, respectively. Claims 15, 17, 19, 20, 28, 29, 37 and 38 depend from claims 14, 22, and 31, respectively, and, thus, are also not anticipated by Leupold.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kliman. This rejection is moot as to claims 1 and 4, which have been cancelled.

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Brown. This rejection is moot as to claims 1 and 8, which have been cancelled.

The Office Action rejects claims 9, 10 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fukushima. Claim 9 has been amended to include the subject matter of previously objected to but allowable claim 11. Claims 10 and 13 depend from claim 9 and, thus, are also not anticipated by Fukushima.

The Office Action rejects claims 14, 21, 31, 33 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Sibata. Claims 14 and 31 have been amended to include the subject matter of

previously objected to but allowable claims 16 and 32, respectively. Claims 21, 33 and 39 depend from claims 14 and 31, respectively, and, thus, are also not anticipated by Sibata.

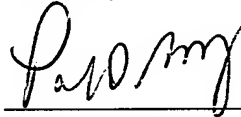
The Office Action rejects claims 22, 24, 26, 27 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Iwaki. Claim 22 has been amended to include the subject matter of previously objected to but allowable claim 23. Claims 24, 26, 27 and 30 depend from claim 22, and, thus, are also not anticipated by Iwaki.

In view of the above, applicants respectfully urge that the objection and rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that this application be passed to allowance.

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